

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please cancel claim 27.

Please amend claims 28 and 32, as follows:

28. (amended) The venetian blind of claim [27] 24 wherein said engaging collar is between a pair of said vertically spaced cross-rungs, and said auxiliary tilt cord can be moved upwardly to adjust the angular pivot of a section of the cross-rungs connected to the first vertical member below said intermediate position.

32. (amended) The venetian blind of claim [27] 24 comprising a plurality of engaging collars that are regularly spaced about said auxiliary tilt cord and said first vertical member and have a vertical spacing, between them, which is an integer value of a dimension that is equal to a vertical spacing between the cross-rungs.